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PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 15, 1978

Honorable Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This is in further reference to your letters of March 1 and April 12, 1978 suggesting that the annual reports to be submitted to this Committee concerning intelligence and intelligence-related activities should be consolidated into The structure of the Annual Report which you one report. submit to the President could then be changed to respond to the requirements of reports requested by this Committee.

After careful consideration, the Committee agrees that it would be useful and more efficient for you to continue reporting on the activities of those organizations and programs which are part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program, while leaving to the Department of Defense the responsibility to prepare an additional report on intelligencerelated activities, as well as other appropriate comments regarding intelligence activities.

In addition, the Committee recommends more detailed treatment of the intelligence activities of the Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation in your next report.

The format used in the 1977 Annual Report is acceptable for 1978 provided the additional information specified in the attachment is included or otherwise appended.

With respect to the Committee's request for an unclassified version of your report, the Committee recognizes it may be necessary to use a different approach and proposes to leave its arrangement to your judgment.

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The Committee requests your assistance in providing the Annual Report prior to January 25, 1979.

With every good wish I am,

Sincerely yours

DWARD P. BOLAND

Chairman

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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 24 January, regarding the provision in H. Res. 658 calling for an annual report to be submitted to the Committee, covering intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all elements of the Intelligence Community. I particularly appreciate your early request for such a report; this will enable us to work closely with Mr. Latimer to ensure the Committee's needs are met.

The utility of an annual report on intelligence activities has been recognized by the Executive Branch. Such a report has been prepared for the President over the past few years; copies of the most recent reports have been provided to our Congressional oversight committees. It has been my intention to provide your Committee a copy of my 1977 Annual Report as soon as it is completed and approved.

In order to avoid costly duplication of effort, it is my hope that a single report summarizing the year's developments in the Intelligence Community can serve the purposes of both the Executive Branch and the Congress. I suggest that Mr. Latimer review the 1977 Annual Report, and then meet with a representative of my Office of Legislative Counsel to discuss whether this meets the needs of the Committee.

I note that H. Res. 658 calls for an unclassified version of the annual report. While I am determined that the Intelligence Community be as open as possible, I must defer on a commitment to provide an unclassified annual report. Past annual reports have not been issued in unclassified form, but the 1977 report will be studied after completion to determine if this is feasible. We will want to discuss this question with Mr. Latimer.

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